

Hash number 250. 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016  
Swinside Inn. Hares Half Dome and Misdemeanour

The rain gods finally saw fit to allow this great milestone for CH3 to take place. This much cancelled event was eagerly awaited by the windswept throng in the Swinside's car park. It was good to see the original Grand Master and Mrs Muscles. What finer location to celebrate in than the Newlands Valley, surrounded by fells and new lakes. A few photos of the shivering pack and hash hounds were taken, with some modelling the smart new tee shirt, the brainchild of Happy Sac.

A loud blast on the hash horn heralded a rain shower and the pack were off. We skirted around Hause End and went part way up Cat Bells before dropping down to Skelgill. Plum Tart, Nemo and Jethro did a long false trail towards Littleton looking for Miss Tiggywinkle while Half Dome herded the pack onto the right route. Hash saboteurs had been in action again, such is the shortage of flour in Keswick with no supermarkets! The walkers and runners intermingled in places.

The numbers had been swelled by the return of Alistair accompanied by a new recruit : Muddy Maddy, who lived up to her new hash handle. A bit more mud and we reached Rowling End. A fish hook kept the pack together, but it was noted that Thong misbehaved yet again – down downs are called for. You have been warned!

The cleverly set route took us near Uzzicar, then by the river to the Swinside for well-earned food and drink. The excitement was too much for Maisie who was sick as a dog, making some interesting patterns on the carpet. The hash celebration cake gave us one of our 5 a day and the beer and pickled red cabbage made up the rest. More photos, speeches and hash stats followed, finished off with a hash birthday song to celebrate 20 years of CH3. Some things in life are worth waiting for and this hash was one of them. Varied terrain, lots of checks, sabotage, adding to the mystery and hares who kept us on trail.

Here's to the next 250 runs!

Special prize to any of us who are still hashing on the 500<sup>th</sup>.

On On!  
Rocky R